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United States Department of the Interior

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The purpose of this letter is to inform interested individuals of expanded opportunities for access to Coldwater Springs at the former U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center located in Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

In August 2005, access to the site was restricted due to concerns for public safety identified in a safety assessment of the Center. Since that time, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has taken a number of actions to address many of the safety issues.

Beginning Tuesday, November 8, 2005, the site will again be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. A special use permit will not be required to access the site.

Please note that Friday, November 11, is a Federal holiday; the site will be closed in observation of Veteran's Day.

If you have any questions, please call Robert Hansen at 612-713-5212.

Sincerely,

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